

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**MAYOR:** Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

**COUNCILORS:** David L. Romero  
Vincent Howell  
Joey Herrera  
Tonita Gurule-Girón

**ALSO PRESENT:** Elmer Martinez-Acting City Manager  
Casandra Fresquez-City Clerk  
Dave Romero-City Attorney  
Eugene Garcia-Sergeant at Arms

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for a moment of silence in memory of a young person from our community who recently lost his life and to keep him in our prayers. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. also mentioned, with Thanksgiving approaching to remember people less fortunate and to try and help them in any way that we can.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve minutes for October 8<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS**

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised he was recommending Macario Gonzales and Matt Griego to be appointed to the Las Vegas Recreation Advisory Committee.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń inquired if a City employee could be appointed to the committee.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. clarified that a City employee could be appointed since it was an Advisory Committee.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to appoint Macario Gonzales and Matt Griego to the Las Vegas Recreation Advisory Committee. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
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Joey Herrera

Yes

Tonita Gurule-Giroń

Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. recognized two City of Las Vegas Retirees which were:

Gilbert F. Martinez – Police Officer – 20 years of service

David Eddie Quintana – WW Systems Manager/ Gas Dept. – 25 years of service

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. presented David Eddie Quintana with a plaque in appreciation for his dedication and loyal service to the City of Las Vegas. Gilbert F. Martinez was not present.

City Clerk Fresquez read a Proclamation proclaiming December 13, 2014 as "Robert E. Yara Appreciation Day recognizing Robert E. Yara and the many Men and Women who serve the Armed Forces for their contributions and dedication in the community.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. spoke briefly on acquiring funding and other issues regarding future repairs to the Recreation Department.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń commented on the importance of the plans and specifications of the Recreation Department repair project.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None at this time.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Acting City Manager Martinez advised that Sharon Vandermeer from the EDC would be introducing the new Economic Development Director.

Sharon Vandermeer took the opportunity to introduce Mr. Bill Henderickson as the Executive Director of the Economic Development Department.

Mr. Bill Henderickson thanked the EDC board for the opportunity to serve as Director and advised that he looked forward to working with the City of Las Vegas, the community and the local businesses.

Sharon Vandermeer extended an invitation to the Mayor and Council to meet individually with Mr. Henderickson and herself to talk about their perspectives and ideas for improving employment opportunities in the community.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had several questions regarding updated Economic Development Plans for the City and the EDC.

Sharon Vandermeer addressed the questions on the status of the Economic Development Plans.

Councilor Howell took the opportunity to welcome Mr. Henderickson and advised that he was looking forward to all the efforts he would put forth to work on improving the community of Las Vegas.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. recommended that Mr. Henderickson meet Secretary of Economic Department John Varela.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Acting City Manager advised Mayor and Council that he would be meeting with Utilities Director Garcia and Finance Director Gallegos on implementing ideas for improving the City's customer service regarding problems with utility bills and presenting it to Council in the near future.

Discussion took place on issues of the community's needs regarding utility bills and on the Initiative Fund available for the community.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos presented the finance report ending October 2014. Finance Director advised that the revenue for the General Fund was at twenty nine percent and expenditures were at thirty four percent.



Councilor Gurule-Giroñ had questions on the Intergovernmental Fund and General Service fund.

Finance Director Gallegos addressed the questions asked by Councilor Gurule-Giroñ.

Finance Director Gallegos advised the revenues for Recreation Department were at thirty percent and expenditures came in at thirty percent.

Acting City Manager added that needed adjustments of the Recreation Department staff are being addressed with Human Resource Department.

Finance Director Gallegos advised the Enterprise Funds were at twenty seven percent and expenditures were at twenty five percent.

Discussion took place regarding utility gas rates increases.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ had questions and concerns about the increased revenue for the Solid Waste Department and on the utility billing system.

Acting City Manager Martinez and Finance Director Gallegos addressed the questions and concerns brought up by Councilor Gurule-Giroñ.

Discussion took place regarding the maintenance issues on the Solid Waste trash trucks.

Finance Director Gallegos informed Mayor and Council that the budget adjustment resolution on the consent agenda included funding for the land acquisition that was already in place; therefore she deleted the one hundred thousand which brought the budget adjustment resolution to \$1,655,702.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

City Clerk Fresquez read consent agenda Business Items into the record to include Business Items one through seven.



1. Approval of Resolution 14-67 supporting participation in the all hazards multi-jurisdictional mitigation planning process and adoption of the all hazards multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan.

*Due to the length of document a complete copy can be obtained at the City of Las Vegas City Clerk's Office.*

2. Approval to Award Request for Bid No.2014-04 for Milk products to Creamland Dairies for Senior Center(s).

3. Approval of Resolution #14-68 Budget Adjustment Resolution.

Resolution #14-68 was presented as follows:

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
MUNICIPALITY OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS  
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION NO. 14-68

**WHEREAS**, The Governing Body in and for the Municipality of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a budget for fiscal year 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, said budget adjustments were developed on the basis of an increase in revenues and expenditures, transfers in/or out in various funds; and

**WHEREAS**, increase/decrease in revenues, expenditures, transfer in, and transfers out to be funded by additional grant funds for the purposes of overtime for police department, for purchasing additional equipment, water projects, land acquisition, Las Vegas Day at the Legislature, Fiesta funds to be funded by additional grant funding, local funds, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making adjustments to the 2015 fiscal year budget;

**WHEREAS**, it is the majority opinion of this Council that the budget adjustments meet the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2015;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas passes this budget resolution for budget adjustments, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.

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Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

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Dave Romero, City Attorney



4. Approval to award Request for Bid No. 2015-06 for the E. Romero Fire Station Renovation Phase Two-Rebid to Northeastern Construction.

5. Approval of the following selected priorities to be submitted for Legislative consideration: Bradner Dam Expansion, Recreation Community Center Emergency Repairs, and Peterson Dam Rehabilitation.

6. Approval to purchase a 50 ton capacity trailer.

7. Approval of billing adjustment and credit for Alta Vista Regional Hospital.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve consent agenda as read into record. Councilor Howell and Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval of application requesting a Transfer of Ownership for Castaneda Bar LLC, DBA Castaneda Bar located at 524 Railroad Avenue Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701, License #0086.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to conduct a public hearing. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

City Attorney Dave Romero asked all who wished to speak on the issue to stand and be sworn in. Casandra Fresquez and Pamela Davis were sworn in.

Pamela Davis informed Mayor and Council that she was in favor of the transfer of ownership regarding Castaneda Bar.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that a transfer of ownership for liquor license was submitted by Castaneda Bar LLC for 524 Railroad Avenue. The Present owner of the license is Marie Tenorio Eldh & Donald P. Eldh.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to accept the record proper, to close public hearing and to reconvene into regular session. Councilor Herrera, Councilor Romero and Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the application requesting a Transfer of Ownership for Castaneda Bar LLC, DBA Castaneda Bar located at 524 Railroad Avenue Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701, License #0086. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

2. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval to Adopt Ordinance #1408 amending the Official Zoning Map from a General Commercial Zone (C-3) to a Mixed Residential Zone (R-3) for property located at 807 Railroad.



Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to conduct a public hearing. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

City Attorney Dave Romero asked all who wished to speak on the issue to stand and be sworn in. Ken Garcia and Benito Lujan were sworn in.

Planning & Zoning Licensing Supervisor Benito Lujan advised that on October 24, 2014, the Las Vegas Planning & Zoning Commission considered an application submitted by Michael Urioste for an amendment to the zoning map. The proposed amendment would change the property known as 807 Railroad for a C-3 to an R-3 which would allow the purchaser to utilize property as a residential property.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had several questions on the property of 807 Railroad regarding the quantity of homes and water availability on the property.

Planning & Zoning Licensing Supervisor Lujan and Acting City Manager Martinez addressed the questions and concerns of Councilor Gurule-Giroń regarding 807 Railroad Ave.

Councilor Howell made a motion to accept the record proper and to close public hearing. Councilor Gurule-Giroń seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.



Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Acting City Manager Martinez took the opportunity to commend the Community Development staff on organizing the information on the agenda packets.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve to adopt Ordinance #1408 amending the Official Zoning Map from a General Commercial Zone (C-3) to a Mixed Residential Zone (R-3) for property located at 807 Railroad. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

3. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval to Adopt Ordinance #14-09 amending the Official Zoning Map from a Multi Family Zone (R-2) to a Mixed Residential Zone (R-3) for property located at 2317 Romero Street.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to conduct a public hearing. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.



City Attorney Dave Romero asked all who wished to speak on the issue to stand and be sworn in. Ken Garcia, Benito Lujan and Ashley Aragon were sworn in.

Planning & Zoning Licensing Supervisor Benito Lujan advised that on October 27, 2014, the Las Vegas Planning & Zoning Commission considered an application submitted by Dorothy Aragon for an amendment to the Zoning map. The proposed amendment would change the property known as 2317 Romero Street from an R-2 to an R-3, which would allow purchaser to utilize property.

Councilor Herrera questioned if there were any objections from neighbors on the zoning changes of the property.

Planning & Zoning Licensing Supervisor Lujan advised there were no objections.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to accept the record proper, close public hearing and to reconvene into regular session. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve to adopt Ordinance #14-09 amending the Official Zoning Map from a Multi Family Zone (R-2) to a Mixed Residential Zone (R-3) for property located at 2317 Romero Street. Councilor Gurule-Giroñ seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

4. Approval/Disapproval of City Manager's recommendation on appointment of a Community Development Director.

Acting City Manager Martinez advised that in accordance with the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico Municipal Charter, Article V, Section 5.07 C, The City Manager shall appoint department Directors, subject to the approval by the Governing Body. The position was advertised, and interviews were conducted for the Community Development Director. Acting City Manager Martinez recommended Lyndsey K. Valdez to be appointed to the position of Community Development Director.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had questions on the hiring procedures taken.

Acting City Manager Martinez gave a brief overview on the procedure on the hiring process for the Director's position.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve City Manager's recommendation on appointment of Lyndsey K. Valdez as Community Development Director.

Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Joey Herrera	Abstained	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

#### 5. Approval/Disapproval of Agreement with the Las Vegas/San Miguel Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Acting City Manager Martinez advised that the Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to assist the business community. After review of community needs and recent frank discussions between Chamber Board members, Mayor and the City Manager as to the value and necessity of a Chamber of Commerce in Las Vegas, a decision was made to recommend a contract for services.

Acting City Manager Martinez recommended that if the Chamber of Commerce contract would be approved, that it be approved with the condition that it would not be valid until the Chamber of Commerce appointed a legitimate Board of Directors.



Brief discussion took place on membership issues regarding the Chamber of Commerce and the importance of helping the community and the businesses of Las Vegas by supporting the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ thanked Mayor Ortiz, Jr., Acting City Manager Martinez and Matt Martinez for their commitment on the negotiations of the contract with the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the Agreement with the Las Vegas/San Miguel Chamber of Commerce, Inc. with the added condition discussed. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

6. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution #14-66 transferring loan funding from the Waste Water Replacement Reserve Fund.

Resolution #14-66 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS  
RESOLUTION NO. 14-66**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, SETTING FORTH THE PROCESS FOR EXPENDING AND REPLENISHING OF WASTEWATER RESERVE FUNDS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas has established a Waste Water Replacement Reserve Fund (611) equal to five percent (5%) of the Principal amount loaned and the amount of the loan subsidy granted in the amount of \$819,856; and

WHEREAS, Waste Water Replacement Reserve Fund (611) cash balance is \$924,229.44 and funds are to be used for replacement of parts to ensure the wastewater equipment remains fully operational during the terms of the Loan Agreement #1438042 and Loan Agreement #CWSRF 004; and

WHEREAS, the Wastewater Division is unable to adequately perform routine and emergency maintenance on the facilities funded under Loan Agreement #1438042 and Loan Agreement #CWSRF 004 unless they are allowed to budget the funds.

WHEREAS, in addition to the Waste Water Replacement Reserve Fund, the City of Las Vegas has also established a Waste Water Reserve Fund (612) equal to one year of debt service payments (\$923,024),



which has accumulated \$778,350). Funds are to be held in reserve for the term of Loan Agreement #1438042 and Loan Agreement #CWSRF 004; and

WHEREAS, excess cash in the Wastewater Fund (610 and 618) along with excess cash in the Waste Water Replacement Fund in the amount of \$104,373.44 (611) will be moved to the Wastewater Reserve fund (612) so that Fund 612 reflected the specified cash balances.

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas Waste Water Division is proposing budgeting 50% of the Waste Water Replacement Reserve funds for the intended use (emergency and routine acquisition and installation of replacement of parts for the infrastructure improvements funded by Loan Agreement #1438042 and Loan Agreement #CWSRF 004; and

WHEREAS, the Waste Water Replacement Reserve Account will be replenished as soon as possible by depositing no less than one-sixth annual increments of the amount expended until fully replenished; and

WHEREAS, so long as the Loan Agreement and the Note are outstanding, whether as to principal, interest, or the administrative fee, the City will continue to fund the Replacement Reserve Account and identify this in the Annual Audit.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas hereby approves the intended budgeting and expenditure of funds from the Waste Water Replacement Reserve Fund as stated above.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas directs staff to transfer the appropriate cash into the Wastewater Reserve Fund (612) from excess cash balances in other Wastewater Funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that repair and maintenance expenditures in excess of \$50,000 shall require approval from the Governing Body prior to encumbrance.

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

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Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

Utilities Director Ken Garcia advised that the City of Las Vegas Waste Water division would like to borrow money from the Replacement Reserve Fund set up through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund in accordance with the attached resolution. This loan would have to be fully replenished by the City by terms of the attached resolution.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had concerns pertaining to transferring funds and recommended that the wording on the agenda item regarding Resolution #14-66 be changed from borrowing funds to transferring funds.



Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve Resolution #14-66 transferring loan funding from the Waste Water Replacement Reserve Fund. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

7. Approval/Disapproval to award Bid 2015-10 for Solid Waste tipping fees to GGH Wagon Mound and Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority as an alternate.

Utilities Director Ken Garcia advised that the City of Las Vegas Solid Waste Division went out for competitive bids for tipping fees for municipal solid waste. There were a total of three bids received. Although GGH Wagon Mound was the low bid, the Solid Waste Division would like to award to both companies, this will allow Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority to be utilized as an alternate. Utilities Director Garcia clarified to council that the alternate would only be used as an emergency backup if GGH Wagon Mound would not be available.

Brief discussion took place regarding membership fees by the bidders.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve to award Bid 2015-10 for Solid Waste tipping fees to GGH Wagon Mound and Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority as an alternate. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

8. Approval/Disapproval of Amendment 1 to the URS Contract #2825-14 (RFP 101-35) for the Raw Water Conveyance Project for additional engineering services.



Utilities Director Ken Garcia advised that Amendment 1 Addresses the changes associated with phasing the project to allow construction to begin in 2014. The amount of this amendment is \$1,145,229.00 and will be paid out of funding received for the Raw Water Conveyance project. This is amendment 1 to URS contract number 2825-14 with the original pre-tax amount of \$325,117.20. Engineering firm URS was hired through RFP 101-35.

Utilities Director gave a detailed overview of the costs and services and the process of negotiation regarding the agreements with URS.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. clarified that the funding should be budgeted before getting into an agreement for reason of trying to avoid spending money prematurely.

Councilor Gurule-Giron commended Utilities Director Garcia on his in-depth explanation and clarification of the process.

Councilor Gurule-Giron made a motion to approve of Amendment 1 to the URS Contract #2825-14 (RFP 101-35) for the Raw Water Conveyance Project for additional engineering services. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

9. Approval/Disapproval of Amendment 1 to the URS Contract #2716-14 (RFP 101-35) for the Bradner Reservoir Enlargement Project additional services.

Utilities Director Garcia advised that Amendment 1 addresses the additional services related to adding the containment dam and the additional alternatives. These services that have been or will be performed were not included in the Agreement dated August 7, 2013. The amount of this amendment is \$479,831.00 and will be paid out of funding received for the Bradner project. This is amendment 1 to URS contract #2716-13 with the original pre-tax amount of \$1,917,578.00. Engineering firm URS was hired through RFP 101-35.



Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to approve Amendment 1 to the URS Contract #2716-14 (RFP 101-35 for the Bradner Reservoir Enlargement Project additional services. Councilor Romero and Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

10. Approval/Disapproval of Amendment 2 to the URS Contract #2716-13 (RFP 101-35) for the Bradner Reservoir Enlargement Project quarry test blast.

Utilities Director Garcia advised that Amendment 2 is for the test blast attenuation study to evaluate the effect of blasting (if any) on structures located in the vicinity of Bradner Dams and to evaluate the quality of the rock after it is blasted, placed and compacted. These services that have been or will be performed were not included in the Agreement dated August 7, 2013. The amount of this amendment is \$89,000.00 and will be paid out of funding received for the Bradner project. This is amendment of \$1,917,578.00. Engineering firm URS was hired through RFP 101-35.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to approve Amendment 2 to the URS Contract #2716-13 (RFP 101-35) for the Bradner Reservoir Enlargement Project quarry test blast. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

## **COUNCILORS' REPORTS**

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ thanked Mayor Ortiz, Jr., Council and Acting City Manager Martinez for assisting individuals who are in need of help with utility bills and

commended Acting City Manager Martinez for following up and working with the constituents.

Councilor Howell advised that Bridge Street Businesses had added lights in the area and recommended that the Fire House on Bridge Street should do the same and added that the cost would be minimal.

Councilor Herrera agreed with Councilor Howell's suggestions regarding the lights on Bridge Street and thanked city staff and everyone involved for the hard work in getting a head start on holiday decorations.

Acting City Manager reminded everyone of the Electric Light Parade on December 6<sup>th</sup> and advised two hours of comp time was being offered for the employees who wanted to help with the float.

Councilor Romero expressed his thoughts on Council and City Attorney working very well together.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. thanked everyone in their efforts on working together for the community.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Councilor Howell advised that the City needs to focus on our youth and help with issues such as suicide and other issues they might be struggling with.

Acting City Manager Martinez mentioned that the City is working with the Health Council on the Juvenile Delinquency Council in effort to move the program forward.

## **ADJOURN**

Councilor Herrera made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Gurule-Giroń seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell

Yes

Tonita Gurule-Giroń

Yes



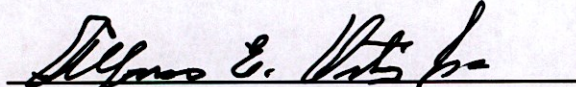
Joey Herrera

Yes

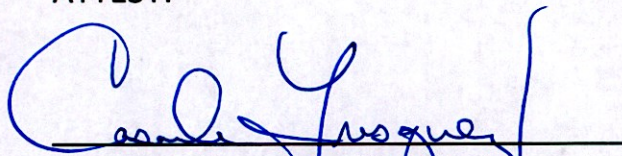
David L. Romero

Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

  
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Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

  
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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk